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SUBJ: MEETING OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN WITH FRENTE FEMININO
SALVADORENO

1. MEETING OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN WITH FRENTE FEMININO SALVADORENO RESCHEDULED FOR 4 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 26. FOLLOWING FIVE WOMEN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND: ROSA DE CANTIZANO, PRESIDENT; ANNIE DE GALLARDO, TREASURER; MAGGIE DE MORAN AND CLARA DE QUINONEZ, SECRETARIES; AND CARMEN ELENA DE AVILA. ALL ARE MEMBERS OF EL SALVADOR'S ECONOMIC ELITE, EITHER IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, BY MARRIAGE, OR BOTH. CLARA DE QUINONEZ IS WIFE OF ALFONSO QUINONEZ MEZA, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN, BROTHER OF PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO U.S. ROBERTO QUINONEZ, AND MEMBER OF "FOURTEEN FAMILIES" OF EL SALVADOR. OTHERS BELIEVED TO BE OF SIMILAR STATUS.

2. FRENTE WAS FOUNDED IN 1976 AS W/FEMININE SUPPORT ARM TO ORGANIZATION CALLED FARO IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST AGRARIAN REFORM. MOST OF MEMBERS ARE HOUSEWIVES OF THE UPPER ECONOMIC CLASS. THEY ARE ASSISTED BY MIDDLE-CLASS WOMEN, INTELLECTUALS AND PROFESSIONALS WHO PROBABLY FEEL THEIR ASSOCIATION WILL HELP THEM IMPROVE THEIR SOCIAL POSITIONS. THEY

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WERE VERY ACTIVE IN EARLY 1977 ORGANIZING MEETINGS AND PUBLISHING MANIFESTOS AGAINST AGRARIAN REFORM, JESUITS AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

3. THEY ARE GENERALLY NOT AN ACTIVE POLITICAL ENTITY UNLESS THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND/OR PERSONAL SAFETY SEEM THREATENED AS WAS THE CASE IN THEIR RENEWED

ACTIVITY AND PUBLICITY IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1977.

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